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Jeff Davis, senstor from Arkansas ill make Ben Tillman hustle if the tter is to retain his title of chief eater" in the U. S. senate.

information that the national house representatives was in session for all of eight minutes on Thursday is ouraging to the taxpayers,

New York city is short seven hunchool teachers. She need not look Kansasward. None of our real flowers of the sun can be spared. All are needed at home and a few more.

Joined with the slogan to do Christ nas shopping now should be the onition to Topekans to do their Sunday shopping today. By all means don't forget a supply of soap for the weekly bath.

During his chat with the president Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, received Mr. Roosevelt's views on municipal government. It's dollars to doughnuts that the Ohlo man had no chance to express his views on national government

With Roosevelt emphatically out of addition to those already in the field. will loom up. Governor Cummins, of Iowa, naively intimates that he will get in the race. That's the proper spirit to show. The more, the merrier.

over the control of the Illingis Cen-

News that will not be conducive to the hilarious joy of several communities in Kansas comes in telegrams

theater seats? Will a person who drops a dime in one of them for a box of sweets be considered a particeps criminis and arrested for helping a dummy negotiate a sale of candy? A legal opinion on this proposition from one Drenning would

some of the other dignitaries are insulted to think that some of the executive departments should really draft bills expressing their ideas and peased by the senate killing all such measures regardless of their merits.

A sign that the millennium is hurrying on its way to Montgomery county is found in the fact that some joints were raided in Coffeyville a couple of days ago. You may rest assured that the city officials were not responsible for the raid. No, indeed. It was the county officials who got busy. Now there is talk of ousting the city officials from their positions for their connivance in the violation of the prohibitory law. Such justice is certainly due them and the officials of other cities too numerous to mention.

of the meeting of the Democratic na tional committee at Washington had been furnished by reliable reporters, it ould have taken lots of imagination to believe that any fuss had been made that the national Democratic commit- if it ever existed, when officers of an

contribution to its funds. It is not hard to recognize a play to the gallleries.

> A SATURDAY SERMON. THE BOY PROBLEM. he Lord called Samuel: and he answer-Here I am.—I Samuel 3:4.

The juvenile court has become par this is that everybody perceives the importance of saving society's boys. An ancient story, which goes deeper than many modern books upon the boy problem, is the Old Testament's sarrative of the boy Samuel.

Not only because it suggests the influences which shape a boy's destinyand thus, in turn, mould a nationbut also because it is one of the most great tales, this story of Samuel is worth studying. There is little essenthousand years ago and a boy of towhich the evangelists sing, what was good for Samuel in Shiloh is good for boys in this western world which was undreamed of in his day.

Back of the story of Samuel lies the story of Hannah, his plous mother Russian bureaucracy to make. Stoessel who was in bitterness of soul because is the one general of the whole Russian she had no children. Upon one of army who is beloved by the down trodthe annual pilgrimages to Shiloh, Hannah vowed that if Jehovah would protest are beginning to rumble with give her a son she would dedicate the a noise that is portentous. Stoessel's child to his service.

Every mother dreams dreams for her boy-sometimes dreams so lofty that she dare not articulate them to revolution which was quenched with herself, much less to anybody else. But underlying every other ambition Russia run red, this time in such torof a noble mother is the desire that rents, perhaps, as will engulf for all her son may be a good man. With the time its despotic government. If Stoesdeep instinct of a maternal heart, she perceives that all other successes are dle a fire which will make the people vain, apart from a true character. It of Russia free, neither his life used to be the common prayer of the death will have been in vain. women of Christendom that their boys might enter the gospel ministry; perhaps that this has gone out of fashion is one reason why there is such a death of candidates for the sacred calling. Hannah is not being emulated as she brought her infant son up to the tabernacle to offer him in service to Jehovah. Every year thereafter the mother carried to the boy a little robe, into which was wrought such love and solicitude as only mothers can know.

This is a story of a boy who lived his life in and about a church. Perhaps that may militate against the present day attractiveness of it; yet the running a lot of possibilities for Samuel was by no means a "goody-Republican presidential honors, in goody" boy, a milksop or a mollycoddle. That type is rightly sneered at today. This sentiment, however, may be come too sweeping.

Samuel's greatness can be traced directly back to his boyhood environ-

This controversy between Stuy-vesant Fish and the Harriman crowd the picture of this little Hebrew lad, busy about the small tasks of the great ly tral is getting to be tiresome to say central place of worship. He was a the least. Each side has used more prop and comfort to old Ell, the High words to define its positions than the Priest, whose own sons had failed him. average Roosevelt message contains What were Samuel's broodings upon the average Roosevelt message contains what were Samuel's broodings upon the Pherson county last week and the and nothing in the way of definite results seems to be within the ken of which had been Israel's guide and program. It was in McPherson county tector throughout its romantic history?

heart history. What happens to a boy that ever happened, but no eggs come many were automatic boxes on the backs of the educated young men have been a feature of contemporaneous American life -as have also the sermons of Dr. Daw-

In modern slang, Samuel would be Senatorial dignity, that really terrible bogic which so often thwarts the accomplishment of many of the desirable projects of the government, has been ruffled again. Aldrich and some of the other dignitaries are for the lad to have to hear and carry told that General Grant was a whisky to the server of the lad to have to hear and carry told that General Grant was a whisky told the carry told that General Grant was a whisky told the carry to the good things he says: "J. R. Burton the good things he says: "J. for the lad to have to hear and carry, told that General Grant was a whisky His manner of receiving it was great. After pondering its meaning through the night he went about the humdrum send them to congress to be acted on. his routine tasks. Happy is he who duty of opening the doors and fulfilling knows how to hold fast to common place, routine duty, even amid th tragedies of life. When bidden to do o, Samuel told brave old Ell every whit

that the Lord had spoken to him. Out of such boyhood experience emerged Israel's prophet, judge and king-maker. Somewhere today are the lads who will be tomorrow's great men. They are "only boys" now; wise are their elders who look upon them in the light of what they will become. Every boy is an opportunity. Many a noble man's greatest work has been his touch upon the life of some boy. Woman's greatness is chiefly won through her supreme power over her boys. For the boy problem is simply the man problem, in its stage of greatest possibility.

STOESSEL. THE MARTYR.

Can anything be more revolting to the generous humanity of modern times or to the justice that men deal out to by members of the committee over the one another than the spectacle being propriety of accepting any money from enacted in Russia today in the trial for Denver in excess of the real expenses life of Lieutenant General Stoessel for of the national convention. As a mat- his "needless" surrender of Port Arof fact it is impossible to imagine thur. The time has long since passed,

tee, or any other campaign committee army should ever be compelled to stand for that matter, would seriously contrial for life because of being defeated sider the turning down any sort of a honestly in battle. That was the sort

of a defeat Stoessel suffered. But disregarding such an argument Stoessel, of all the Russian generals who participated in the Russo-Jap war, is the last who should be accused of cowardice. His six months' defense of Port Arthur was gallant. Although it ended in failure this effort of his was one of the brilliant achievements on of the equipment of every progressive the part of the Russians during the en-city. The fundamental reason for tire war. His surrender to the over-

whelming army of Nogi was inevitable. And what a tragic farce this trial of Stoessel is. It is not a trial such as is known among righteous men. Think of it. Stoessel is arraigned before an unfriendly court to answer to a ridiculous charge, a court consisting of ten Russian officers who lost twice ten battles through blunders and cowardice on the field and graft at home.

delightful idylis in the collection of No wonder Stoessel's men regard him as doomed, a foredoomed martyr. For a martyr he will be. His trial means tial difference between a boy of three nothing else than that his detractors and persecutors are using him to cover day. Like the "Old-time religion," of up their criminal practices in the handling of Russia's army. Stoessel has been picked out as a sacrificial victim to atone for the sins of the Russian war office.

This sacrifice will be a heavy one for den people. Already their voices of murder by his inferior superiors will surely be avenged. His forcordained doom is fanning again the flames of a blood. Once more will the streets of sel's murder shall be the spark to kin-

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Inis talk of restocking the sea sounds a bit fishy.

It isn't modesty with many women who shy at low neck dresses. It's moles.

Lots of boys, who insist on getting

married, do not profit by their fathers' examples. Extravagance is generally the fore-Extravaging

A good deal of the wealth of financlers is imaginary.

High-flying hardly pays for you on't know where you are apt to light.

JAYHAWXER JOTS

Iola has a man who promises to

is cheap enough. Emporia has been entertained late-ly by a crowd of college boys who in-dulged in a night shirt parade. There was not much doing in Mc

that the green bug got notoriety. Girls over in Abilene are evidently

The newspaper men of Osborne ounty were guests of the editor of the Alton Empire at a Sunday dinner recently, and they all praise it as one In modern slang, Samuel would be called a boy "on the job." He was a we'd get strychnine in our soup."

soak, to the effect that he would like to get some of the same kind of whisfor the rest of the generals in the

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.] Swift men are seldom fast friends The secret of success is to aim high and stick to it.

Nature seldom stores a lot of brains Democrat. behind a pretty face. Be sure you are wrong before you go away back and sit down. We always feel sorry for the married

man who talks in his sleep. It's easier to drive some men to drink than it is to hold them back. Men seldom fly for their lives when they meet a woman who is dressed to

Talk is said to be cheap, but many a man has had to pay dear for things h Did you ever notice how much easier

it is for the average man to be poor than honest? than honest?
Our idea of an odd man is one who doesn't try to get even with some one sooner or later.

Many a man knows from experience that it is far easier to find a wife than

KANSAS COMMENT

MR. CORTELYOU.
Secretary Cortelyou has begun to loom up as a presidential possibility in his own mind. Mr. Cortelyou is a clever man who gets credit for deep thinking by thinking by never expressing an opin ion. He began his political career a Grover Cleveland's stenographer, and has passed from one public man to another, until Roosevelt made him a cabinet officer, and then chairman of the Republican national committee. Mr. Cortelyou's case is unique. Most of our statesmen have come to the front by reason of their advocacy of some principles; Mr. Cortelyou never advocated any principles, nor uttered any views. He has kept still and looked wise. In an age where everyboy else was eager to talk he learned to be a good listener; and see what it has done for him.—Wichita Beacon.

SO SAY WE ALL. Whatever may have been Warden Haskell's "understanding" as to the disposition of the funds belonging to Whatever may have been Warden Haskell's "understanding" as to the disposition of the funds belonging to the state of Kansas, the people will very likely accept Auditor Nation's view of the controversy and insist that the money be kept in the state treasury and checked out through the auditor's office. Kansas has had quite enough of experimenting in the matter of its state funds, and if the people commend Mr. Nation for demanding that the regular custom of handling the state money be observed Warden Haskell need not accept it as a serious reflection upon his integrity or as an indication of a lack of public confidence. It merely means that Kansas will feel more comfortable with its money lodged snugly in the state treasury vaults.—Kansas City Star.

Whatever may have been warden to the funds, beasts, etc., which adorn these as they adorn all species of Chinese art objects.

How many casual visitors know, says the Museum bulletin, that a rectangular Chinese vase is feminine, representing the yin, inert, dark, and earthly traits in nature, while an oval case is masculine, representing the yang, or active, light, and heavenly elements; a combination of tha two representing the creative or ultimate principle?

A group of seemingly miscellaneous art objects depicted perhaps upon a brush tray are probably the po-ku, or "hundred antiques," emblematic of culture, and implying a delicate compliment to the recipient of the tray. Birds and animals occur with frequency on Chinese art objects. Star.

DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK. Prohibition is sweeping over the country, but temperance is not. There was a significant editorial in the tion. For instance, the dragon is so Washington Post the other day, which showed that in spite of the prohibition and yet his significance is perhaps not wave now sweeping over the country, more government liquor licenses than ever before are issued, and that statistics show that more liquor than ever listics show that more liquor than ever is being consumed. In rejoicing because prohibition is sweeping over the country, we are neglecting real temperance work. As a consistent temperance work. As a consistent temperance work. country, we are neglecting real temperance work. As a consistent temperance man, we regret this, yet the writer of this, who happened to be out late at night recently, saw more drunken men on the streets than he has seen before in years.—Atchison Globe.

Head of a camel, the horns of a deer, the eyes of a rabbit, ears of a cow, neck of a snake, belly or a frog, scales of a carp, claws of a hawk, and paim of a tiger." His special office is to the gods, and he is naturally the peculiar symbol of the emperor. The cultar symbol of the emperor. The

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? It is a physical impossibility for the railroads to care for the traffic now and the condition has to become worse. In the meantime there should be more efforts made to have more equipment for the railroads. Men are being laid off and yet the railroads claim they can not get their orders for equipment filled. If this is true there is some conspiracy some place.

A GOOD SUGGESTION. There is one drinkshop in France for every eighty people, according to a dispatch. This suggestion is offered to the officers who are trying to locate Frank Plamondon, the Topeka joint-ist.—Salina Journal. There is one drinkshop in France for every eighty people, according to a dispatch. This suggestion is offered

LACK OF PATRIOTISM Financiers and speculators have no sense of patriotism. A scheme is already on foot to make the government pay extravagantly for coaling the Pacific fleet. Parsons Sun.

FROM OTHER PENS

AOKPS RECALL. The recall of an ambassador does not necessarily imply that his government is about to enter upon an unfriendly course towards the country from which "A boy's will is the wind's will,
And the thoughts of youth are long, long, thoughts."

The purposes which most profoundly affect character and destiny are those formed in early youth.

Girls over in Abilene are evidently necessarily imply that his government is about to enter upon an unfriendly never towards the country from which of the undesirable activity of two he has been withdrawn, but it does usually signify that his policy has not been satisfactory to his superiors.

A rabbit hunt between opposing been satisfactory to his superiors. from Oklahoma. These are to the effect that the new state intends to take drastic steps to prevent the piping of natural gas outside its borders.

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It is natural to put the lower interport and the total was 3,042 rabbits killed. Frament, following the Mana episode at the present of the present o Our relations with Ger-improved by the change arranged between the federal department of justice and E. H. Harriman will not set well with many people.

If Harriman has been guilty of any crime in his railroad machinations he should be prosecuted. If he has not should be prosecuted. If he has not offended the laws he should be let alone. And again if he has violated the laws there is no room for a compromise.

Will the prohibition of the sale of candy on Sunday extend to the little automatic boxes on the backs of the should be prosecuted. If he has not the gospel. That boy became "Gypsy Smith," England's greatest evangelism Dr. W. J. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson's sermon on prayer converted Prof. E. E. Hale, Jr., whose addresses among educated young men have been a feature of contact the wish that one day he might preach the wish that one day he might preach the gospel. That boy became "Gypsy Smith," England's greatest evangelism Dr. W. J. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson's sermon on prayer converted Prof. E. E. Hale, Jr., whose addresses among educated young men have been a feature of the wish that one day he might preach the gospel. That boy became "Gypsy Smith," England's greatest evangelism Dr. W. J. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson's sermon on prayer converted Prof. E. E. Hale, Jr., whose addresses among educated young men have been a feature of the wish that one day he might preach the gospel. That boy became "Gypsy Smith," England's greatest evangelism Dr. W. J. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary man among the clergy. Dr. Dawson, a well known litterary ma harmony, to impress upon his own that it is impractical to hold out for absolutely unrestricted immigration an has been more than personally acceptable to the state department, which may well be surprised at this latest move from Tokio. The full significance of the recall, events must determine.—

Boston Transcript. A PLEASANT EVENING At the Southern last evening things were busy. Mrs. Mack tipped it off to the inmates that a bride and groom had registered from Silverton and then everybody got busy. The cans, boilers sawdust, rice and everything that was loose was brought into play. The bridal sanctum was invaded and Howard Cox and his bride had to crawl out and do the right thing. Then the champagne water flowed and in the bunch of celebrants we noticed our old political patriot McLaughlin from Pueblo. He was telling the groom how to do the right thing, and the suggestion worked Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married at the Benson block yesterday morning and came down from Silverton last evening. May they never waste an effort is the Democrat's wish.—Durango (Colo)

BILLS AND PETITIONS.

Bills and petitions are now in order, and the prospects are that the record will be broken. Not only are there many new members in both houses of congress, all full of suggestions about saving the country and anxious to redeem promises made on the stump but issues are numerous, and all of them tempt a new hand at the bellows. But no harm will be done. The more bills the merrier. Few are expected to become laws. The pigeonholes of congress are capacious. Many ambitious propositions find their way to those caverns. Otherwise six years instead of six months would be necessary to enable congress to dispose of the business of a single long session.—Washington Star. BILLS AND PETITIONS.

Star. that it is far easier to find a wife that it is far easier to find a wife that it is to lose her.

Honest poverty ranks as high with some people as dishonest wealth does with some others.

Some men start out to look for trouble and then pick out a place where there isn't one chance in a hundred of the solution of the

Of panics I once stood in terror. No longer I tremble and quake. Since folks started shopping For Christimas, I'm stopping To see it was all a mistake. That wealth can bring joy is an error; Assmile of contempt 'twill provoke, For (next to digestion) The holiday question Is how to be happy though broke. THE EVENING STORY

HOLIDAY ECONOMICS.

Of course, it is well to be thrifty, But it's likely to be overdone. Your coin—do not hoard it. You cannot afford it.

You cannot afford it.
That plan costs you comfort and fur
For Joy is elusive and shifty.
So let's take it all as a joke
E'en though we're kept guessin'
While learning this lesson
Of how to be happy though broke.
—Washington Star.

Chinese Porcelains.

in the strange symbols, characters, personages, birds, beasts, etc., which

one will observe closely it is a some

what select menagerie, in which cer-tain types are emphasized by repeti-

four seasons have each its special

flower—the tree-peony for spring, the lotus for summer, the chrysanthemum for autumn, and the prunus, or plum-

The Crown of Years.

I should like to be a poet long enough to write "A Ballade of All Old Ladies,"

or a lyric in their honor turned with the grace of Colonel Lovelace and

blithe with the spirit of Friar Herrick. I should like to inform it with their beautiful tendersympathy that is quick

never come! Men old and battle-scar-

red are celebrated in song and story;

lous must serve them; whoever would be wise must sit at their feet and take

that crown a woman's years-volcing what is in the hearts of all of us as we

watch those gracious angels going their quiet ways, tending ther secret altars of memory wth flowers and blessing them with tears.—Meredith Nicholson

Glass in Hand Twenty-five Years. Mrs. Mary Hamilton, of this city,

when an operation was performed, the remaining parts of glass were found in the lump, and the tumor was re-

GLOBE SIGHTS

[From the Atchison Globe.]

Was there ever a guest who was not "talked" about by her hostess?

We often regret that the Christmas spirit is not distributed through the

When they have absolutely nothing else to do, farmers fuss about sec-

Although a man undoubtedly has a

right to blow his nose, there is a good deal of frowning when he exercises his privilege.

You often laugh at the man who is so fast with his sympathy, and so slow with his purse. How are you yourself

If a family has always been poor, the story is usually told in the great number of enlarged family pictures hanging on the walls.

When a married woman talks a great deal about the sins of men, it is a sign that her husband does not be-

If you don't like a man, eat oa

meal and bide your time; there will soon be something the matter with his

will go by. It doesn't take long to get rid of the best of us.

It was a cheap philosopher who said knowledge is power. There is really nothing so helpless as the man who knows all about things that hap-

pened long ago, and who contracted a hacking cough while acquiring his

The other day an Atchison man

wanted to make a list of the pretty girls in town. He thought, and thought, and could think of only three. He mentioned these to his

wife, and she said, snippishly, "Do you think they are pretty?"

"When I have a particularly worth-less day (and I have a good many, here lately) I have observed this: I not only do nothing myself, but I bother those who are able and willing to work. A loafer is always in the way of busy people."—Drake Watson.

in those particulars?

have himself very well.

kidneys, and his funeral

knowledge.

moved.-Philadelphia Record.

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tree for winter.-Harper's Weekly

tion.

The Outer Darkness,

[By Sidney H. Cole.] Ackroyd moved his chair from the orner that he might have an unobcorner that he might have an unob-structed view of Drusilia's face. She was seated near the piano lamp, osten-sibly examining the score of a recent musical farce he had brought her. Her chin rested in one little upturned palm, and her eyes were fixed pensively on the music in her lap. Ackroyd watched her silently for some morrous.

the music in her lap. Ackroyd watched her silently for some moments. He was loath to disturb that pose.

"I saw Ted Briggs today," he said at length, and he said it with the eviat length, and he said it with the evi-dent expectation of a flutter of excite-ment on Drusilla's part. In this, how-ever, he was disappointed. She turned a page of the score without raising her In viewing such an exhibit as the Morgan collection of Chinese Porce-lains at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the pleasure of visitors is found to be much enhanced by a little in-sight into the mysterious of meaning

eyes.

"Did you?" she said caimly.

"I did," he affirmed. "Had a sort of an all-gone air about him."

Drusilla was silent.

"Looked as if he needed some one to the said of th

sympathize with him-or kick him, Ackroyd pursued. Another page of the score was turned, but Drusilia said nothing.

"Haven't seen him round here, lately," said Ackroyd, and his tone suggested much

gested much.

"It's something over a week since he called last," said Drusilla innocently.

Ackroyd smiled grimly, but Drusilla's eyes being on the score, its mean-

ing was lost on her.
"Same old story, I presume," said "What's the same old story?" she said

with some emphasis.
"Got his conge, eh?"
"What are you talk! pliment to the recipient of the tray.

Birds and animals occur with frequency on Chinese porcelains, and if

"Got his conge, eh?"

"What are you talking about?"

"Ted Briggs."

"Well, what about him?"

"He seems to have been cast into the outer darkness with his innumerable predecessors." Ackroyd observed.

Drusilla shrugged her shoulders.

"I don't see why I should fret myself over that," she said.

"For casting him there, of course," said Ackroyd severely.

"Admitting I did," said Drusilla with challenge in her voice.
"Ted Briggs is a particular friend of mine," Ackroyd began.
"Must I marry all your particular friends?" said Drusilla with sardonic

deference. deference.

Ackroyd's eyes flashed angrily.

"You knew all the time he was takings things seriously," he remonstrated. "You might have a little mercy on such chaps."

"Oh, don't let's squabble every night you come here," said Drusilla wearily. "Here's the Palm song. Shall I sing it to you. Max?"

to you, Max?"
She seated herself at the piano, and gang with all her inimitable little drolleries. When she had finished she swung about to face Ackroyd. "Did that soothe your savage breast

"Did that soothe your savage breast,
Maxie?" she asked, sweetly.
Ackroyd scowled. "When will you
ever be serious?" he said.

"I was never so serious in my life,"
she asserted. "Indeed, I am com
pletely weighed down with responsibility and remorse. You don't imagine he'll take prussic acid, do you,
Max?" she ended in tragic tones.
Ackroyd looked at her with cold
disapproval.

"Between old friends——," he began. But Drusilla at once cut him

But Drusilla at once cut him short. "Now, Max, I'm awfully sorry, but if you begin to scatter any of that fatherly advice about here you'll have to go home, and I counted on a de-lightful evening with you here," she

but who are they to be preferred over this serene sisterhood? Let the worn mothers of the world be throned by the fireside or placed at comfortable ease in the shadow of hollyhocks and old-fashioned roses in familiar gardens; it matters little, for they are supreme in any company. Whoever would be grac-"Nevertheless," said Ackroyd, "I shall say what I set out to, be the

penalty what it may."

Drusilla rested her elbows on the keys and looked at him archly.

"I was about to remark." Ackroyd went on, "that in the social sea you are a sort of uncharted reef on which the affections of many serious minded young men are shipwrecked." counsel. Nor believe too readily that the increasing tide of years has quench-ed the fire in their souls; rather, it burns on with the steady flame of sanctuary lights. Lucky were he who could imprison in song those qualities young men are shipwrecked."
"What a metaphor!" she taunted.
"Their shipwrecks don't seem to be alarming calamities, however. They survive them."
"And there are others who are in danger of saling straight onto the

"And there are official with a danger of sailing straight onto the reef, knowing all its dangers," he said.
"Dear me!" said Drusilla, "They should take a course in navigation." "The fear of ridicule may keep them away for a time, but in the end they're bound to tempt fate," he said. five years ago, and some of the glass was imbedded in the tip of the mid-"I think it would be interesting to meet some of that class," said she, "I can introduce you to one,"

die finger. The fragments were sup-posedly all removed, and the finger "When?" Drusilla inquired eagerly In the last twenty years, however, she has often experienced a severe "Now," said he, rising and bowing pain in her right hand and arm. Next a small tumor and a lump in the palm of the hand appeared and today.

gravely.
"You!" she gasped,
"Even I," he said unsmiling. There was a somewhat embarrassed pause. Ackroyd broke it.
"I shall never be happy until I offer myself to you. I don't expect to be happy afterward. I shall merely join the others in the outer darkness and the suspense will be over."

Dryella sated her chin on her palm.

Drusilla rested her chin on her palm again. A bit of added color flushed her cheeks; her eyes were pensive. "I've been very much a coward," said Ackroyd, "I was afraid you'd laugh. That is why I've been slient so long."

He leaned forward in his chair; his manner was pleadingly earnest. Druing else to do, farmers fuss about section corners.

Don't be like the hen: When it lays an egg it does nothing else all day but call attention to it.

Many people have a habit of finding fault not with a view of bettering conditions, but to satisfy a petty desire to gossip.

added bitterly.

Drusilla turned to the piano. She ran her fingers over the keys in soft little minor harmonies. Ackroyd waited impatiently, then he strode to the plano and bent over her. Something glistened on her lashes, and there was

a shining streak down either cheek.
"Good heavens!" cried Ackroyd in sudden comprehension. He laughed happily.
"It—it—isn't funny. I—I—d—don't feel a bit like i—laughing," con-

fessed Drusilla.

And Ackroyd was thereupon relieved from any fears of "the outer darkness."—(Copyrighted, 1907.)

QUAKER REFLECTIONS

[From the Philadelphia Record.] The jollier doesn't always have the most fun. tailor, at least, should be judg-The tailor, at les Many a fellow has more money than brains who isn't rich.

The chiropodist and the tug always have their business well in tow. At evening the day is done, even though it may have started as a raw

Some men have no use for their friends unless they can make use of Any man is apt to be all run down after his neighbors get through discussing him. only them.

No. Maude, dear, there is no similarity between a gum shoe factory and a rubber plant. FIRE.

Fire! Fire! The woods are afire!
The flame of the maple leaps higher and higher;
The banks and the meadows are bursting in gold.
The enginemen down in the dew should be told!
Oh rise the helled likes and summon the Oh, ring the belled lilies and summon the rills,
The autumn is smoking upon the brown hills. The sumae is gleaming, the sass'fras sheen
Of saffron and scarlet nods proudly be
tween
The lanes are a glory; the fire is a-leap
O'er bramble and bracken and valley ans

steep!
Aye, call up the firemen from the dew of the morn,
With clatter of engine and echo of horn
The frost is the rascal whose fingers, th scamp.

Have fooled with the matches and upset the lamp!

—Baltimore Sun.

South Shid

Misder Bryan vill sound der key-note yedt vonce again in Chanivary. Owing to a change in boildical circumstances Misder Bryan haf peen compelled to Sound a new key-note efery vonce in a vile fer many yearss. He haf chased dis key-note from A flat Major to G sharp Minor, und uf he dondt make goot dis time he iss liaple to run out der key board, yet.

A chendleman in Mexico vas stoned to deat' py hiss hired men pecaus he didn't hat anyting to pay dem mit. Es a madder uf speculation led us guess vy he didn't issue clearing house certificoots. Anyvay, vot dit dose Mexican dubs vant uf money anyvay, ven dey had der "rocks?"

From musterious hints vich ve haf heard, ve may gadder dot Misder Drenning, vich got der grand chury, iss liaple to realise der position uf der may vot catched a red hot bull-cow mit de



tail. Hence, py der middle uf Chani vary, ve may be aple to unchoy de spegtacle uf Misder Drenning headed fer der voods.

I vonce heard dot Harry Lehr used to feed hiss monkey on \$2 chocolates und ad der time I considered id radder egstrafigandt eating fer a animal but ve haf in our midst a case uf vorse egstratagance. A laty vich iss now pe-fore der U. S. court vants \$15,000 for a light lunch vich a lion took out her

Denver bids \$100,000 fer der Demo cratz national confention, und gets id. Denfer had no opposition es far es To-peka iss concerned. Beside beink no fit blace fer a Democratz confention, Topeka aindt got \$100,000. Uf id had id vould rais id's vages unstead uf importing Democratz.

Now dot Cheff Dafis iss in der U. S. senate, ve may look fer all trusts to chump into der Adlantic ocean und pull der cofers ofer dem,—maybe.

"Uf ve could shoot a scatter gun oop der afenoo und kill aboudt dwenty-fife uf our "prominendt skitizens," sayss Gus Gobblesteinhauser, "dere vould be some slight chance fer der foocher uf

Es ve understand id, der kvesdion iss nod, Did Cheneral Stossel gif oop Port Artur? but, iss dere anybody else con-



venienter es a fall guy,—und der eche seems to anser, "Nod any."

A recendt dispadge from Noo York sayss Misder Stewvussandt Feesh iss gedding into Chon D.'s class mit bot' foots. In oder vordss, he iss practic-ing feet racing mit a process serfer es the a pace maker.

Gufferner Hoch haf kindly unformed us dot he vill nod call a egstry session. Dis vill be goot noos to a lod uf noosbapers, vich vas vorking ofertime in a effordt to frame oop a suitaple supply uf ajectifs to hang on him. Dere also yet, iss der sad chance det der sefen tousand, sefen hondred und lefen assisdanst chanitorss vould nod like clearing house certificats.

Colonel Biffalobuli Cody denies id. In oder vordss, he sayss he nefer squeezed Mister Gould's lemon.

Beink superstitch-ousness, I failed to accept der Y. uM. C. Ya's kind offer to choin on Friday der thirdeenth. REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

[From the New York Press] Probably we shan't enjoy sleeping in heaven because they'll all be i

days. The sure way to win an argument to keep perfectly still and let the oti fellow lose it.

When a woman can truthfully say she never had a cross word with her hus-band, she must have a lot of money.

The more people learn about things the more they find it ought to have been something else to help in earning their living.

rubber plant.

"Might isn't right," observed the Wise Guy. "On the other hand," added the Simple Mug, "it is seldom left."

What a girl likes about meeting man for the first time is she can a swake that night wondering if he in love with her.